



Over the next two years, the Department of State (DOS) will be transitioning to the domestic State Assistance Management System (SAMS Domestic) which will replace GrantSolutions as the system used to issue international awards from DOS bureaus based in the US. The following frequently asked questions provide context to the transition and answer questions or concerns you may have about this change.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

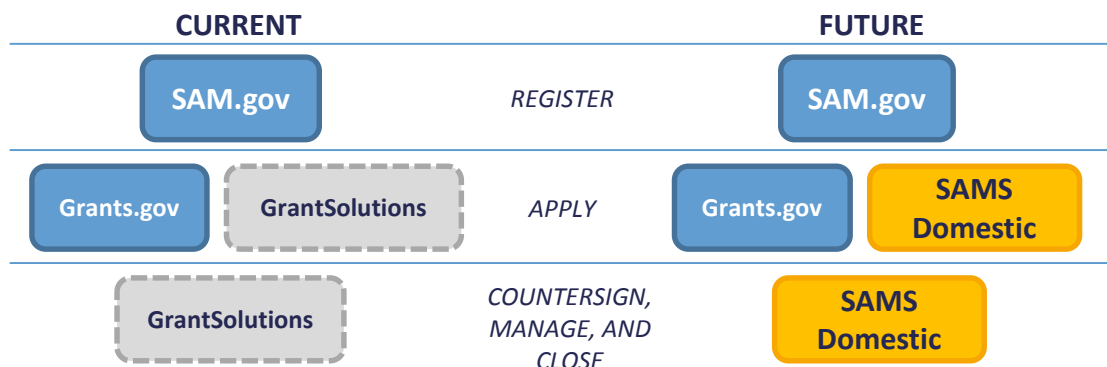
### Why is the Department of State changing systems?

The Department of State recently developed a new grants management system known as the State Assistance Management System (SAMS Domestic) to manage awards issued by bureaus located in the US as well as embassies abroad. SAMS Domestic will help the Department better manage and report on all awards with recipient organizations around the world within a single system.

### How will this change impact my organization?

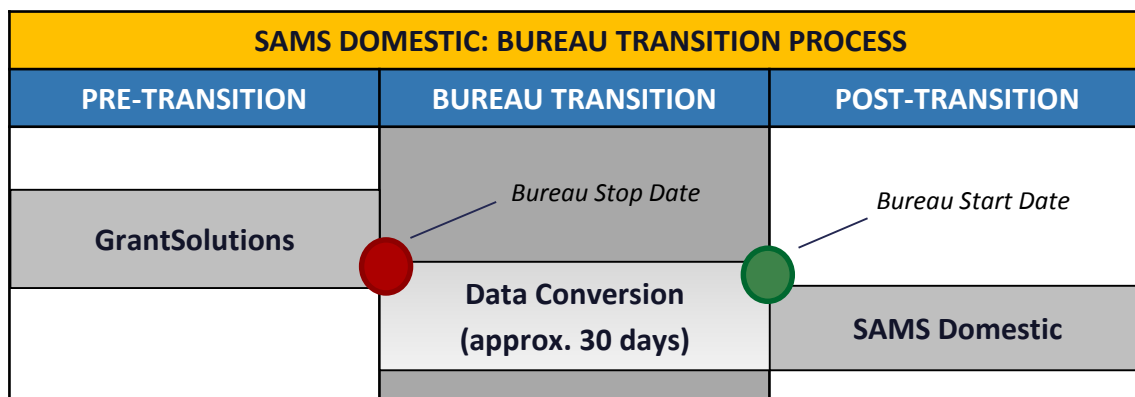
SAMS Domestic will be the primary site for grantees to view funding opportunities, monitor awards, and manage post-award activity with the Department of State. SAMS Domestic will replace GrantSolutions (GS) as demonstrated below.

#### GRANTS MANAGEMENT LIFECYCLE



### What can I expect during this bureau's transition?

You should continue to use GS for awards with your bureau until the Bureau Stop Date. During the Bureau Transition period, all of your GS data will be converted to SAMS Domestic. During this period of time, your funding opportunities, applications, awards and associated documents with the transitioning bureau will be unavailable. On the Bureau Start Date, you will regain access to all activities with the transitioned bureau in SAMS Domestic. Throughout the transition, your bureau contact will guide you through preparation and transition for the new system.



## What should I do with reports or documents that I need to submit during the transition?

During the Bureau Transition, while neither system is available for use, send all documents and reports (SF-PPR, SF-425 [FFR], etc.) to your point of contact at the bureau. After the data conversion is complete, submit your documents and reports using SAMS Domestic. Anything submitted during the transition should be re-submitted via SAMS Domestic to ensure a complete award file. For any awards funded through the Payment Management System (PMS), continue to submit your SF-425 (FFR) reports as normal.

## Will my awards be available in SAMS Domestic?

All funding opportunities, applications, awards and documents in GS will be migrated into SAMS Domestic. When you first access SAMS Domestic after the Bureau Start Date, all of your data with the transitioned bureau will be available. If you do not see the awards you were expecting to see, please reach out to your bureau point of contact immediately.

## Can I access GrantSolutions after a bureau transitions to SAMS Domestic?

For any awards with other US Government agencies or Department of State bureaus that have not yet transitioned, you will continue to use GS as you do today. However, you will no longer have access to any awards with a bureau that has transitioned from GS to SAMS Domestic. Instead, you will access all information related to that bureau in SAMS Domestic.

## Will I need to access both systems if I have awards from multiple bureaus?

Yes. You may need to access GrantSolutions (or GS) for federal assistance from bureaus that have not transitioned to SAMS Domestic. Please note, once a bureau transitions to SAMS Domestic, you will not have access to grant information for that bureau in GS.

## What do I need to do right now?

Monitor communications with the points of contact at your awarding bureaus.

## What about training and accounts in the new system?

Forthcoming communications from your bureau point of contact will include materials and information about setting up new accounts in SAMS Domestic.

## If I have more questions about SAMS Domestic, who should I contact?

Additional questions about SAMS Domestic should be directed to the bureau contact that informed you of this bureau's transition.

## What is the difference between SAM.gov and SAMS Domestic?



**SAM.gov** (the System for Award Management), administered by the General Services Administration, is used to register your organization with the U.S. government. Registration makes your organization eligible to apply for federal grants. Though you will continue to use this system, it is not the same as SAMS Domestic. **SAMS Domestic** is the system for applying to limited or sole-sourced competitions, countersigning awards, and managing post-award activity with the Department of State.